Matilda Madora PRATT

Notes by Martin **FELEDZIAK**

The Matilda Madora PRATT dossier

Having found myself side tracked from the ROBINSON investigation here are just a few snippets from the history of Matilda Madora PRATT.

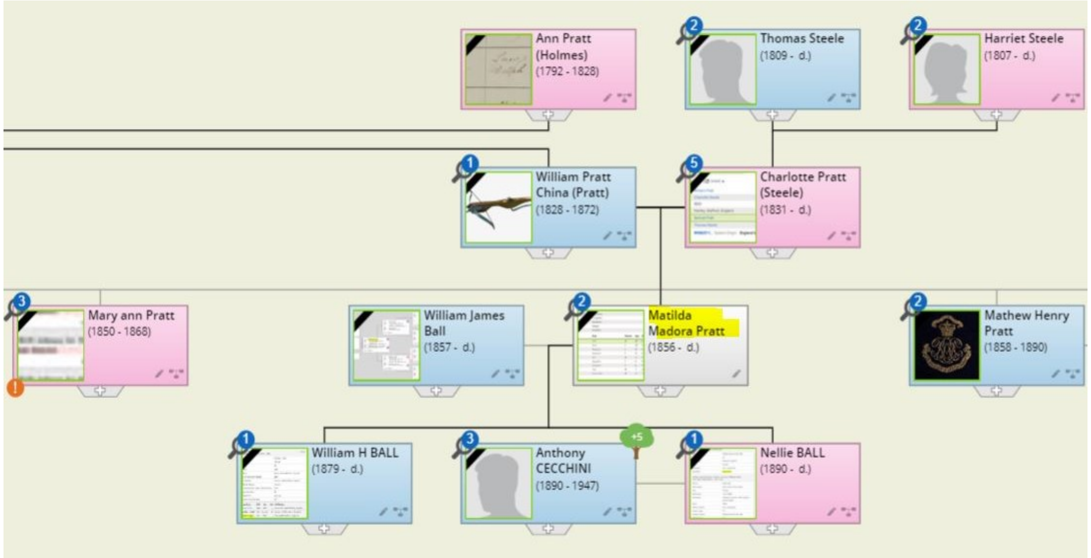
Her rather unusual middle name really helped with searching and establishing a firm foundation.
For this short dossier I am using the free on-line resources "Family Search" and "General Register Office". (GRO records start in 1837).

Also thanks to Ancestry.com for their kind free Easter 2021 access.
The other documents come from the various United Kingdom censuses.

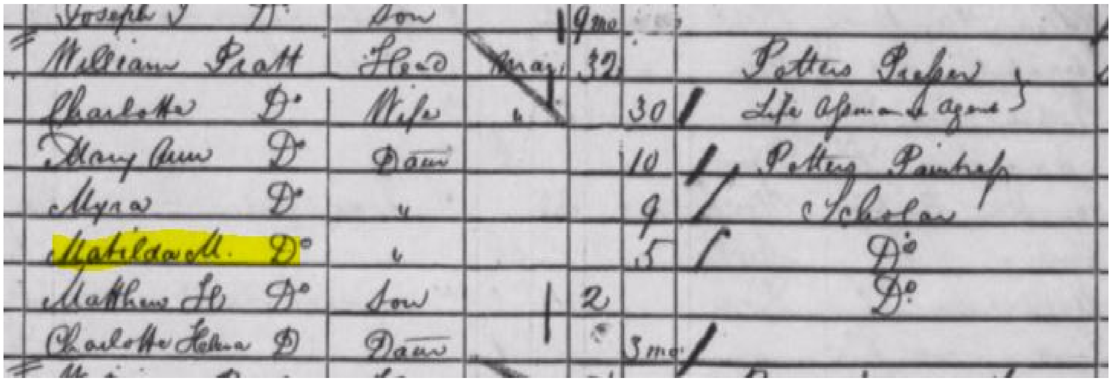
So Matilda was born in 1856 a daughter of William PRATT and Charlotte STEEL.

Name:	Mother's Maiden Surname:
PRATT, MATILDA MADORA	STEELE
GRO Reference: 1856 M Quarter in STOKE UPON TRENT Volume 06B Page 168	

She is highlighted yellow on the below graphic.



She first appears in the 1861 Census as a five year old living in Bridge Street, Mount Pleasant, Fenton, Stoke upon Trent. Her mother, Charlotte, was a life assurance agent.

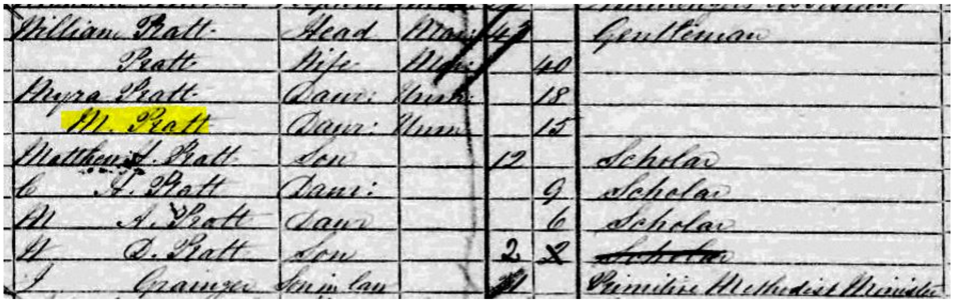


Joseph J Do	Son		9mo		
William Pratt	Head	Mar	32		Potters Presser
Charlotte Do	Wife	"		30	Life Assurance Agent
Mary Ann Do	Daur			10	Potters Paintress
Myra Do	"			9	Scholar
Matilda M. Do	"			5	Do
Matthew H Do	Son		2		Do
Charlotte Helena D	Daur			3mo	

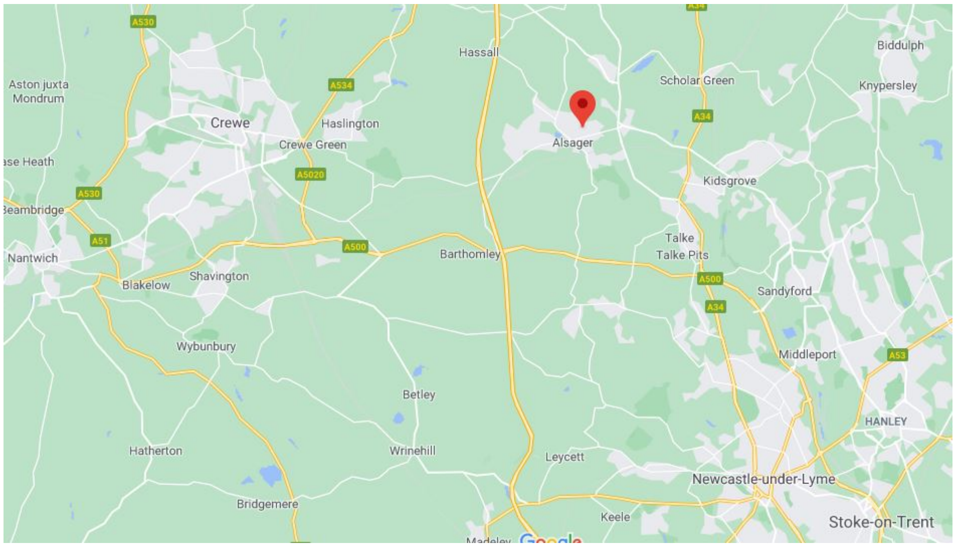
The above map is Mount Pleasant part of Fenton.

By 1871 the family have moved to Shady Grove, Alsager. William PRATT had acquired 'Gentleman' status for reasons unknown.

William Pratt Head - Male 43 1828 – Gentleman.
 Pratt Wife - Female 40 1831 -
Myra Pratt Daughter - Female 18 1853 -
M Pratt Daughter - Female 15 1856 -
Matthew H Pratt Son - Male 12 1859 -
C H Pratt Daughter - Female 9 1862 -
M A Pratt Daughter - Female 6 1865 -
W D Pratt Son - Male 2 1869 -
J Grainger Son-In-Law - Male 21 1850 – Primitive Methodist Minister



William Pratt	Head	Mar	43		Gentleman
Pratt	Wife	Mar		40	
Myra Pratt	Daur	Unm		18	
M. Pratt	Daur	Unm		15	
Matthew H Pratt	Son		12		Scholar
C H. Pratt	Daur			9	Scholar
M A. Pratt	Daur			6	Scholar
W D. Pratt	Son		2		~~Scholar~~
J Grainger	Son in law		21		Primitive Methodist Minister



Matilda Madora Pratt

in the England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915

Name:	Matilda Madora Pratt
Registration Year:	1878
Registration Quarter:	Jan-Feb-Mar
Registration District:	Stoke upon Trent
Parishes for this Registration District:	View Ecclesiastical Parishes associated with this Registration District
Inferred County:	Staffordshire
Volume:	6b
Page:	270
Records on Page:	**Name** William James Ball Joseph Bentley Ann Lawson Matilda Madora Pratt

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Suggested Records

- 1861 England Census
  Matilda M Pratt
- 1881 England Census
  Matilda M. Ball
- Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Recor 1774-1993
  Matilda Doris Pratt
- 1871 England Census
  M Pratt
- West Virginia, U.S., Births Index, 1ε 1938
  Matilda Madora Pratt Ball
- Staffordshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 17! 1900
  Matilda Ball

Here is a little information about Matilda's husband and his family.
William's father - Josiah BALL

Was born in Netherton, Near Dudley C1829.
At the time of the 1851 Census living with his wife Sarah and their 1 year old Daughter Julia Lavinia BALL.
Possibly at the home of William BENT, father of Sarah.

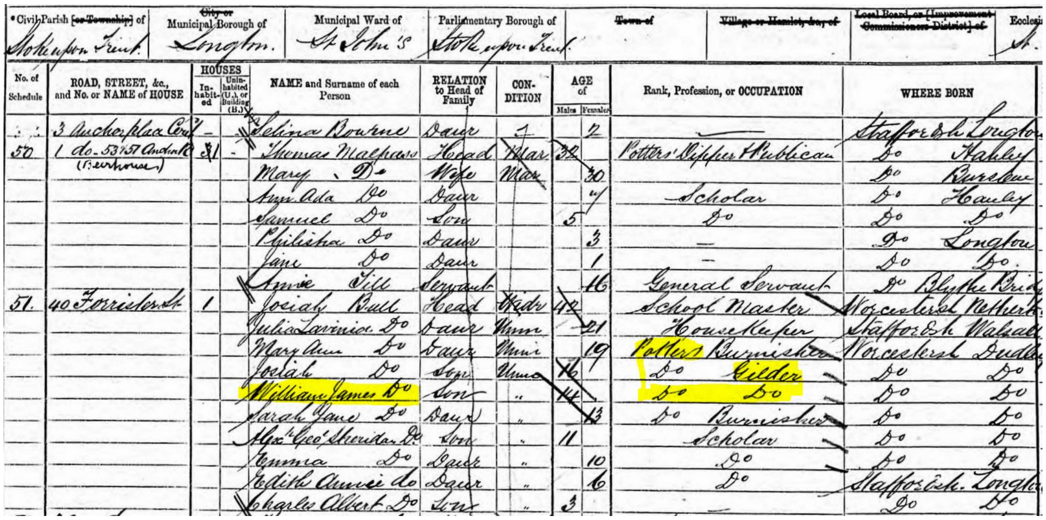
Oddly Josiah is described as a chain maker employing 8 men.

William James BALL was born in Dudley, Staffordshire, in the year 1857.

By 1861 Josiah was an insurance agent living with his growing family in Dudley.

Sarah Ball	F	33	Dudley, Worcestershire
Julia L Ball	F	11	Walsall, Staffordshire
William J Ball	M	4	Dudley, Worcestershire
Alexander G L Ball	M	1	Dudley, Worcestershire
Emma S Ball	F	0	Dudley, Worcestershire

The family later moved to the Potteries and Forrister Street Longton.
William's Father, Josiah, was a school master. The family was expanding and most of the children were in the Pottery industry. William was 14 years of age at the time of the 1871 census and was employed as a potter's guilder.



Civil Parish ~~[or Township]~~ of Stoke upon Trent | ~~City or~~ Municipal Borough of Longton. | Municipal Ward of St John's | Parliamentary Borough of Stoke upon Trent | ~~Town of~~ | ~~Village or Hamlet, &c., of~~ | ~~Local Board, or [Improvement Commissioners District] of~~ | Ecclesi[astical] St.

No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES In-habited	HOUSES Uninhabited (U.), or Building (B.)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CONDITION	AGE of Males	AGE of Females	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
	3 Anchor place Cort	–		Selina Bourne	Daur	–		2	–	Staffordsh Longton
50	1 do. 53 & 51 Anchor (Beerhouse)	1	–	Thomas Malpass	Head	Mar	32		Potters' Dipper & Publican	Do Hanley
				Mary Do	Wife	Mar		30		Do Burslem
				Ann Ada Do	Daur			4	Scholar	Do Hanley
				Samuel Do	Son		5		Do	Do Do
				Philisha Do	Daur			3	–	Do Longton
				Jane Do	Daur			1	–	Do Do.
				Annie Till	Servant			16	General Servant	Do Blythe Bri[dge]
51.	40 Forrister St	1		Josiah Ball	Head	Widr	47		School Master	Worcestersh Netherton
				Julia Lavinia Do	Daur	Unm		21	House Keeper	Staffordsh Walsall
				Mary Ann Do	Daur	Unm		19	Potters Burnisher	Worcestersh Dudley
				Josiah Do	Son	Unm	16		Do Gilder	Do Do
				William James Do	Son	"	14		Do Do	Do Do
				Sarah Jane Do	Daur	"		13	Do Burnisher	Do Do
				Alexr Geo Sheridan Do	Son	"	11		Scholar	Do Do
				Emma Do	Daur	"		10	Do	Do Do
				Edith Annie do	Daur	"		6	Do	Staffordsh. Longton
				Charles Albert Do	Son	"	3			Do Do

Sadly Alexander George Sheridan BALL and his sister Edith Annie BALL both died in that year 1971.

By 1881 Josiah was living in Normacot Road, Stone. Still a school master.
He had married Ellen at St John's Longton in 1872.

Household members (3 people)

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Josiah	Ball	Head	Married	Male	52	1829	Schoolmaster	Netherton, Worcestershire, England
Ellen	Ball	Wife	Married	Female	51	1830	-	Longton, Staffordshire, England
Charles Albert	**Ball**	**Son**	**Single**	**Male**	**14**	**1867**	**Scholar**	**Longton, Staffordshire, England**

Transcript of Charles Albert's record

First name(s)	Charles Albert	**Street**	Normacot Road
Last name	Ball	**Parish**	Stone
Relationship	Son	**County**	Staffordshire
Marital status	Single	**Country**	England
Sex	Male	**Registration district**	Stone
Age	14	**Sub district**	Trentham
Age as transcribed	14	**Archive reference**	RG11

So back to Matilda -

In 1878 Matilda was 22 years of age and had married William in Stoke upon Trent. The following year their first child, William John BALL, was born.

GRO Reference: 1878 M Quarter in READING Volume 02C Page 362
BALL, WILLIAM JOHN PRATT
GRO Reference: 1878 J Quarter in COOKHAM Volume 02C Page 403

For the 1881 Census Matilda was living in Aston Birmingham.

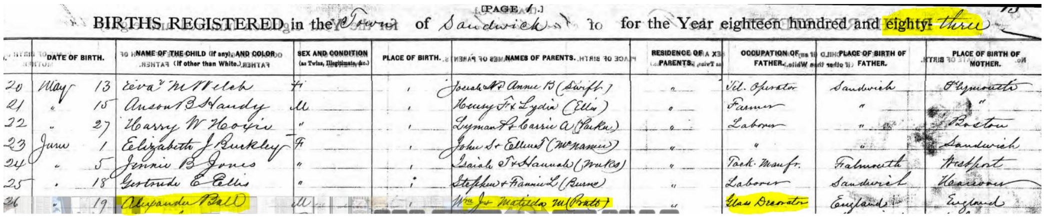
William J BALL 23, born Woodside Staffordshire. A china and Glass painter
Matilda M BALL wife 24 born Fenton Staffordshire.
William H BALL son 2 born Weir Staffordshire.

In 1881Maud BALL was born in Birmingham, England.

Name: Mother's Maiden Surname:
BALL, MAUD PRATT
GRO Reference: 1881 S Quarter in ASTON Volume 06D Page 397

Clearly William and Matilda made the decision to uproot their little family to make a new life for themselves in the United States of America.

I have been unable to locate their passage documents from England but the birth of Alexander BALL on the 19th June 1883 in Sandwich, Massachusetts, narrows the window to a time between 1881 and 1883.

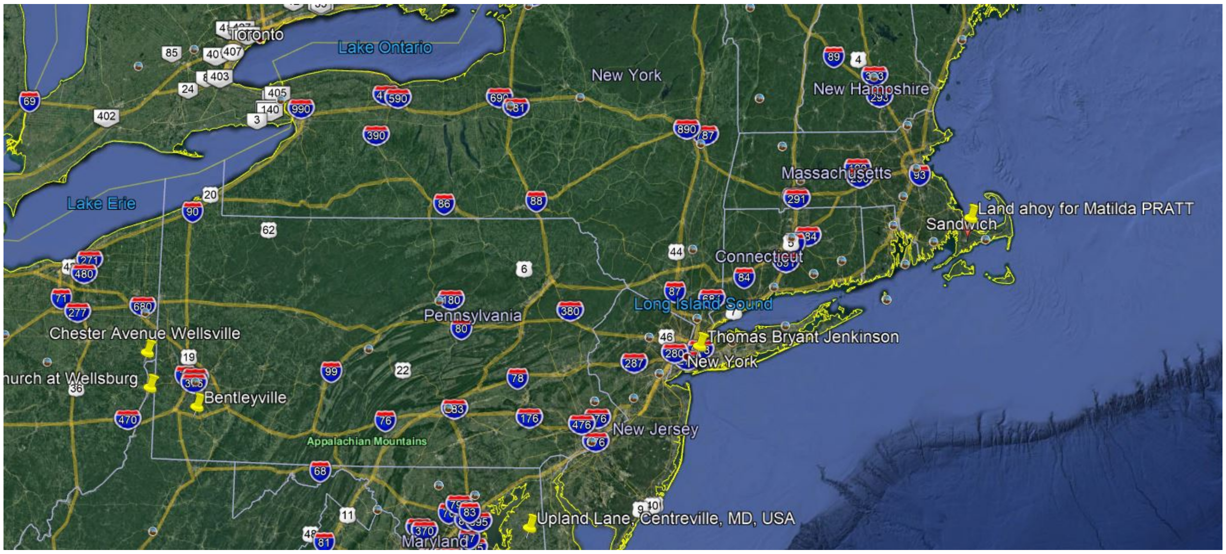


[PAGE 1.]

BIRTHS REGISTERED in the Town of Sandwich for the Year eighteen hundred and eighty- three

No.	Date of Birth.		Name of the Child (if any), and Color (If other than White.)	Sex and Condition (as Twins, Illegitimate, &c.)	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Place of Birth of Father.	Place of Birth of Mother.
20	May	13	Eva M Welch	F	"	Josiah N & Annie B (Swift)	"	Tel. Operator	Sandwich	Plymouth
21	"	15	Anson B Handy	M	"	Henry F & Lydia (Ellis)	"	Farmer	"	"
22	"	27	Harry W Hoxie	"	"	Lyman P & Carrie A (Parker)	"	Laborer	"	Boston
23	June	1	Elizabeth J Buckley	F	"	John S & Ellen (McNamee)	"	"	"	Sandwich
24	"	5	Jennie B Jones	"	"	Isaiah T & Hannah (Weeks)	"	Tack Manufr.	Falmouth	Westport
25	"	18	Gertrude E Ellis	"	"	Stephen & Fannie L (Burns)	"	Laborer	Sandwich	Harrison
26	"	19	Alexander Ball	M	"	Wm J & Matilda M (Pratt)	"	Glass Decorator	England	England

I have marked Sandwich with a yellow pin to the right of the map.



So the family was on the move again.

On 30th July 1890 Nellie BALL was born in Wellsburg, Brooke, West Virginia. United States.

Marked by a yellow pin in the group of three to the left of the above map.

The entry appears on pages 12 and 13 of the register of Births entry number 72.
Registered on 16th September 1890. Nellie BALL female.
6th child of this Mother, 280 days uterogestation (in the womb)

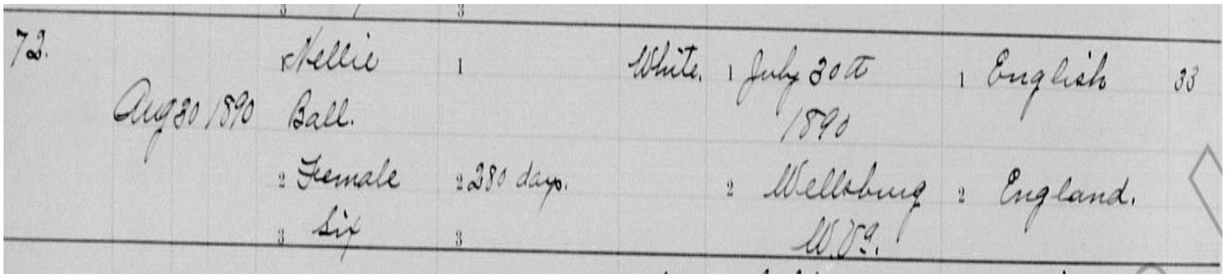
Born on 30th July 1890 in Wellsburg, West Virginia.
Both Parents were English.
Father 33 years of age Mother 34 years of age from Patterus England

[Has to be Potteries].

Mother Matilda Madora BALL, Nee Matilda Madora PRATT
Living in Wellsburg.

Father William James BALL, glass and china engraver living in Wellsburg.

Medical attendant Dr ROBERTS from Wellsburg.


72.
Aug 30 1890
1 Nellie Ball.
2 Female
3 Six
1
2 280 days.
3
White.
1 July 30th 1890
2 Wellsburg W.Va.
1 English
2 England.
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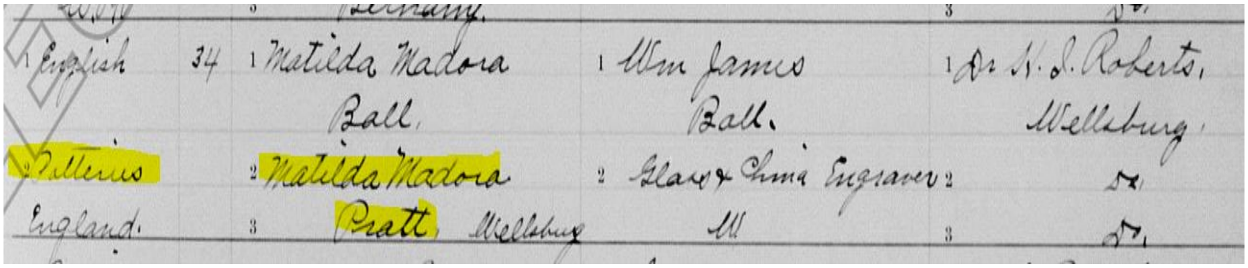
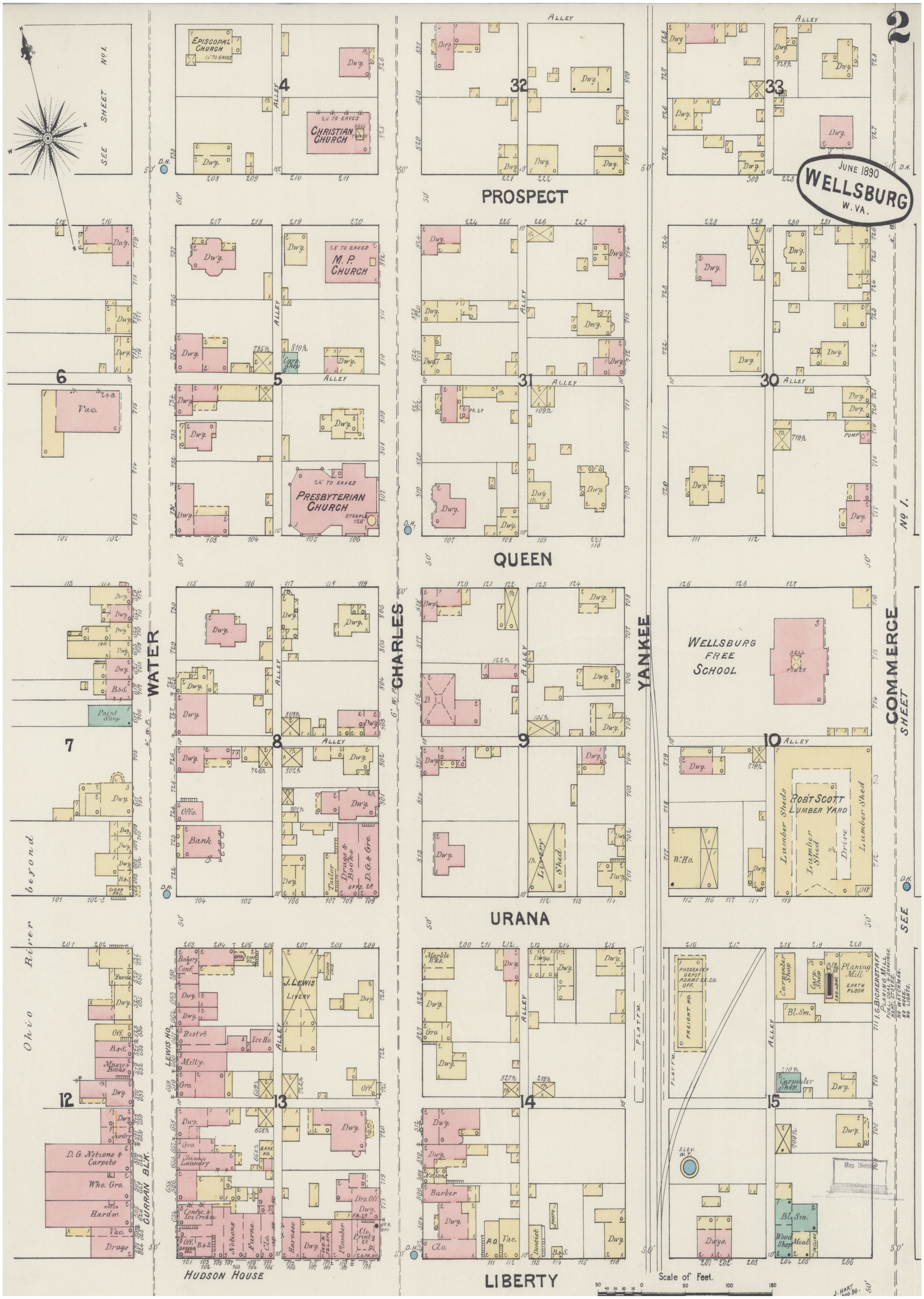
It is interesting to note that Nellie was listed as Matilda's sixth child.


1 English
2 Pattern
England
34
1 Matilda Madora Ball.
2 Matilda Madora
3 Pratt. Wellsburg
1 Wm James Ball.
2 Glass & China Engraver
W
1 Dr H. J. Roberts, Wellsburg.
2 Do.
3 Do.

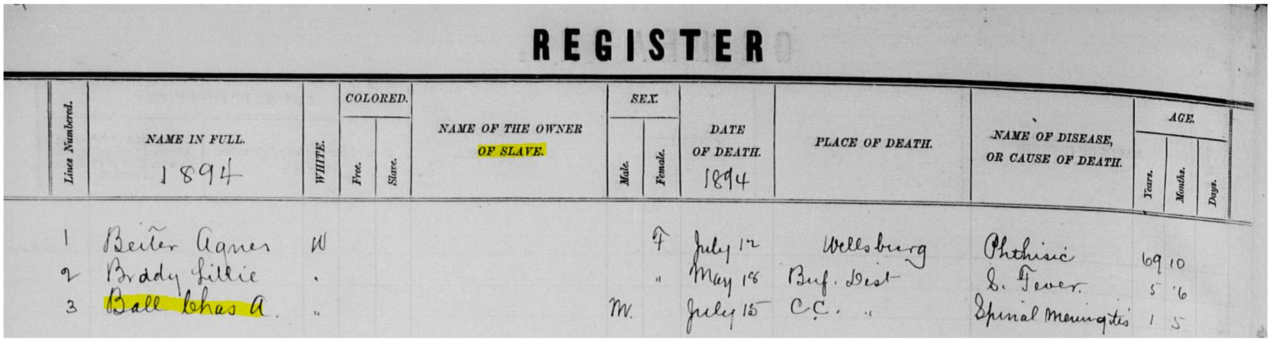
Very handily there is a street map for Wellsburg in that very year of Nellie's birth 1890.



There is an entry in the register of deaths for the year 1894.
Entry number 3 Chas A BALL, Male died on 15th July 1894, 1 year and 5 months old.

Parent Wm J & M M Ball born Brooke Co.

These details would match with William and Matilda BALL.



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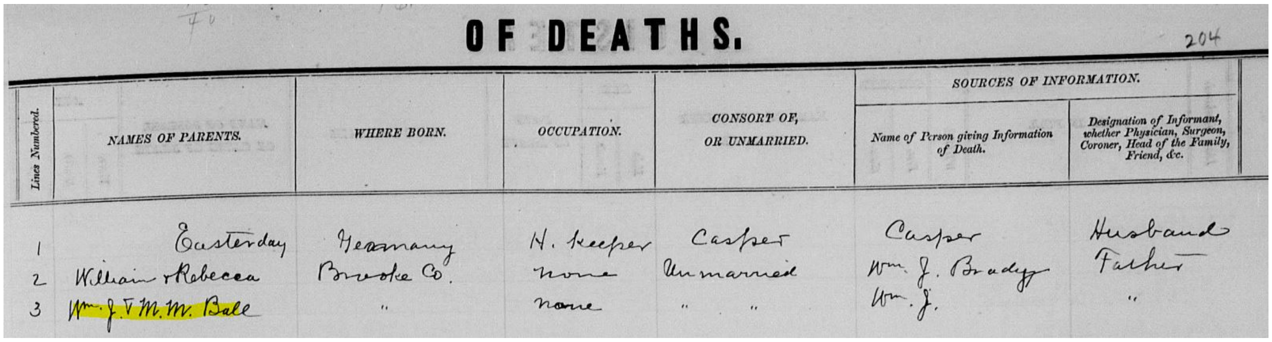
Lines Numbered.	Name in Full. 1894	White.	Colored. Free.	Colored. Slave.	Name of the Owner of Slave.	Sex. Male.	Sex. Female.	Date of Death. 1894	Place of Death.	Name of Disease, or Cause of Death.	Age. Years.	Age. Months.	Age. Days.
1	Beiter Agnes	W					F	July 12	Wellsburg	Phthisic	69	10	
2	Brady Lillie	"					"	May 18	Buf. Dist	S. Fever	5	6	
3	Ball Chas A	"				M		July 15	C.C. "	Spinal Meningitis	1	5	



OF DEATHS. 204

Lines Numbered.	Names of Parents.	Where Born.	Occupation.	Consort of, or Unmarried.	Sources of Information. Name of Person giving Information of Death.	Sources of Information. Designation of Informant, whether Physician, Surgeon, Coroner, Head of the Family, Friend, &c.
1	Easterday	Germany	H. keeper	Casper	Casper	Husband
2	William & Rebecca	Brooke Co.	none	Unmarried	Wm. J. Brady	Father
3	Wm. J. & M. M. Ball	"	none	" "	Wm. J.	"

On 19th September 1895 Hazel G. BALL was born at Cross Creek, Brooke, West Virginia.

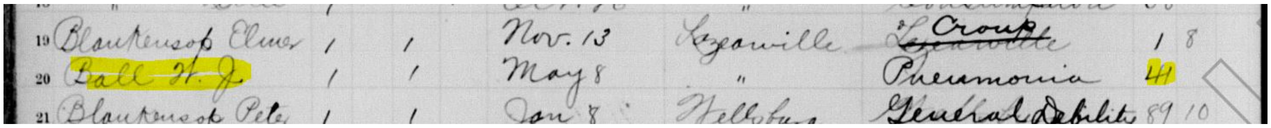
Hazel G. Ball
West Virginia Births, 1853-1930

Tools

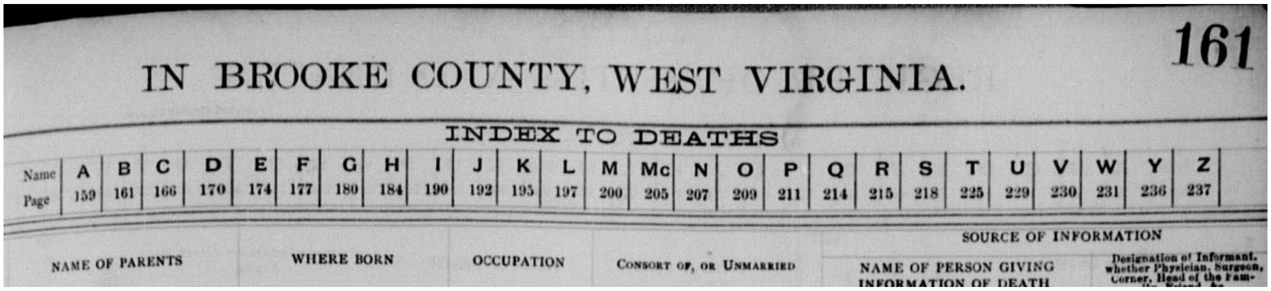
Name:	Hazel G. Ball
Event Type:	Birth
Event Date:	19 Sep 1895
Event Place:	Cross Creek, Brooke, West Virginia, United States
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Father's Name:	W. J.
Mother's Name:	Matilda M.

Sadly 4 years later William James BALL, the husband of Matilda, died at the age of 41 years.

From page 161 line 20
BALL W J on 8th May 1898 died of pneumonia.



19	Blankensop Elmer	/	/	Nov. 13	Lazeaville	Croup ~~Lazeaville~~	1	8
20	Ball W. J.	/	/	May 8	"	Pneumonia	41	
21	Blankensop Peter	/	/	Jan 8	Wellsburg	General Debility	89	10



IN BROOKE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA. 161

INDEX TO DEATHS

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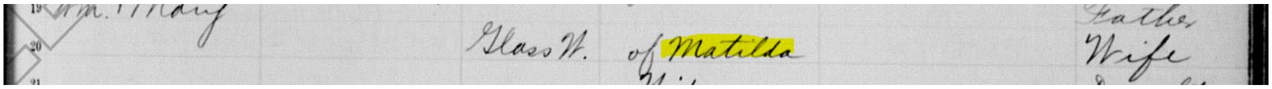
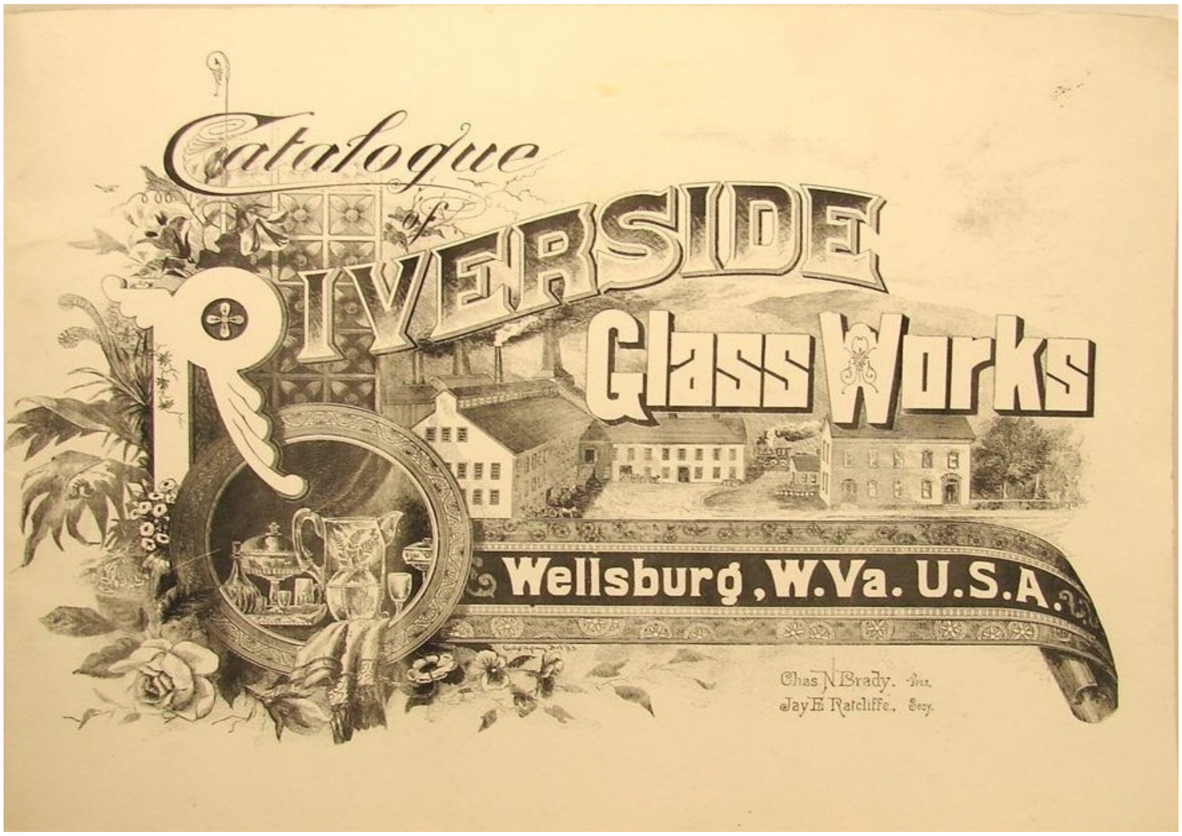
NAME OF PARENTS	WHERE BORN	OCCUPATION	CONSORT OF, OR UNMARRIED	SOURCE OF INFORMATION: NAME OF PERSON GIVING INFORMATION OF DEATH	Designation of Informant, whether Physician, Surgeon, Coroner, Head of the Family...



19	Wm. Mary				Father
20		Glass W.	of Matilda		Wife

Clearly Glass working was one of the main employers in Wellsburg.
Check out the below video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXemLrUWQCk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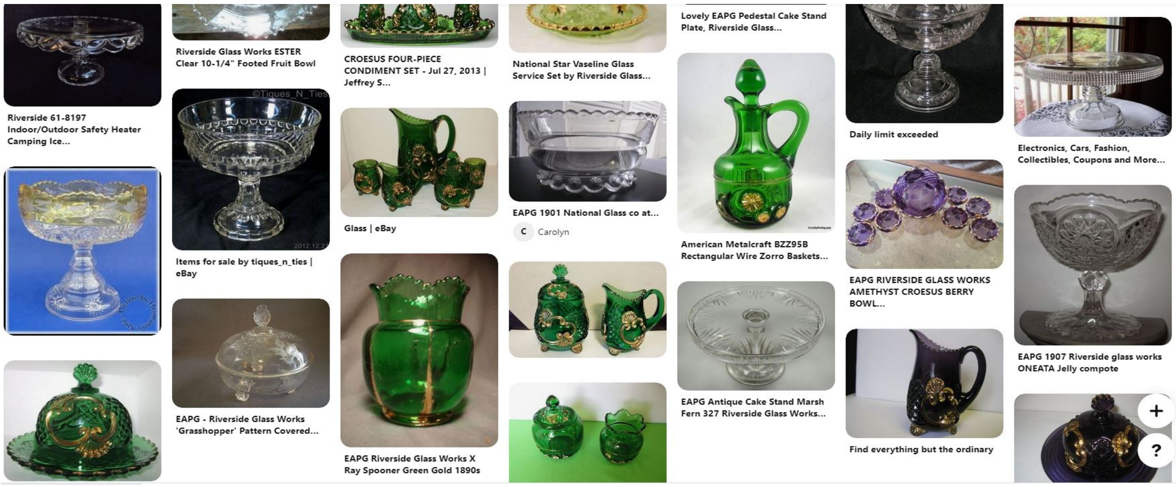
RIVERSIDE
Glass Works
Wellsburg, W.Va. U.S.A.
Chas. N. Brady. Pres.
Jay E. Ratcliffe, Secy.


Riverside 61-8197 Indoor/Outdoor Safety Heater Camping Ice...
Riverside Glass Works ESTER Clear 10-1/4" Footed Fruit Bowl
Items for sale by tiques_n_ties | eBay
EAPG - Riverside Glass Works 'Grasshopper' Pattern Covered...
CROESUS FOUR-PIECE CONDIMENT SET - Jul 27, 2013 | Jeffrey S...
Glass | eBay
EAPG Riverside Glass Works X Ray Spooner Green Gold 1890s
National Star Vaseline Glass Service Set by Riverside Glass...
EAPG 1901 National Glass co at...
Carolyn
Lovely EAPG Pedestal Cake Stand Plate, Riverside Glass...
American Metalcraft BZZ95B Rectangular Wire Zorro Baskets...
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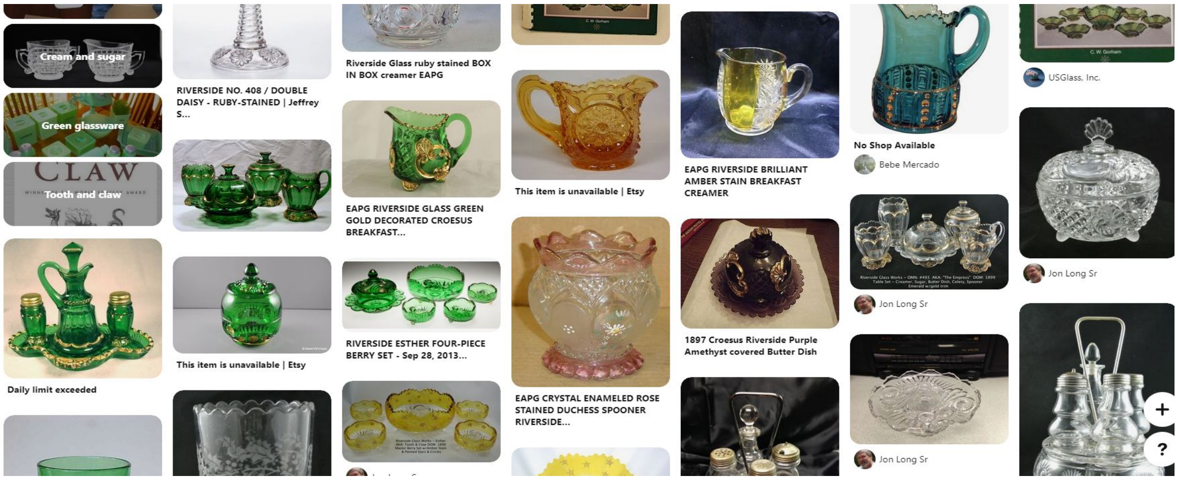
Cream and sugar
Green glassware
CLAW
Tooth and claw
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RIVERSIDE NO. 408 / DOUBLE DAISY - RUBY-STAINED | Jeffrey S...
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Riverside Glass ruby stained BOX IN BOX creamer EAPG
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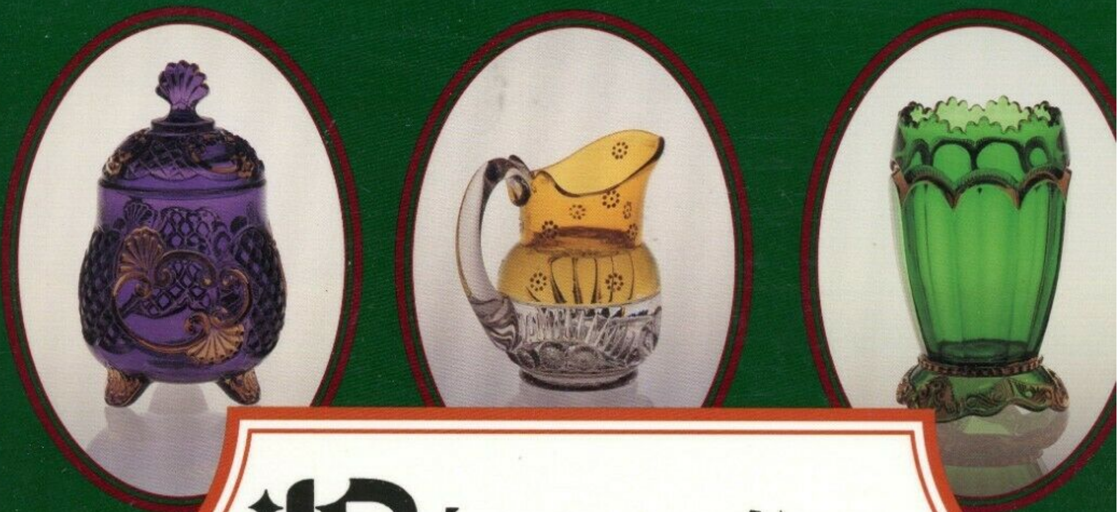
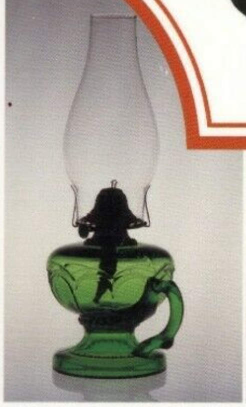
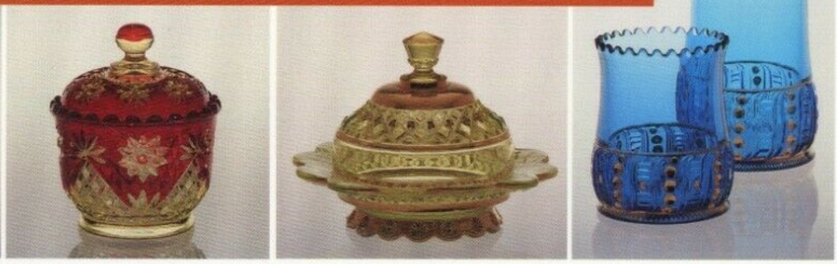


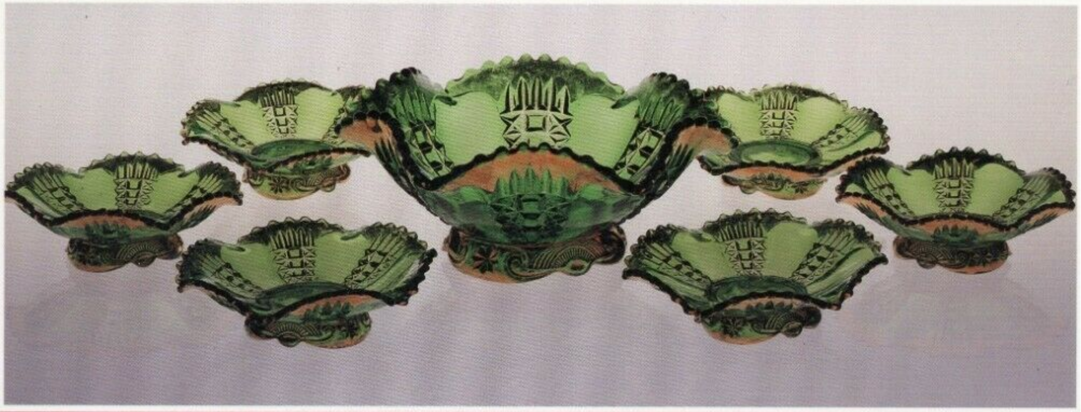
Riverside Glass Works

OF WELLSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

1879 - 1907

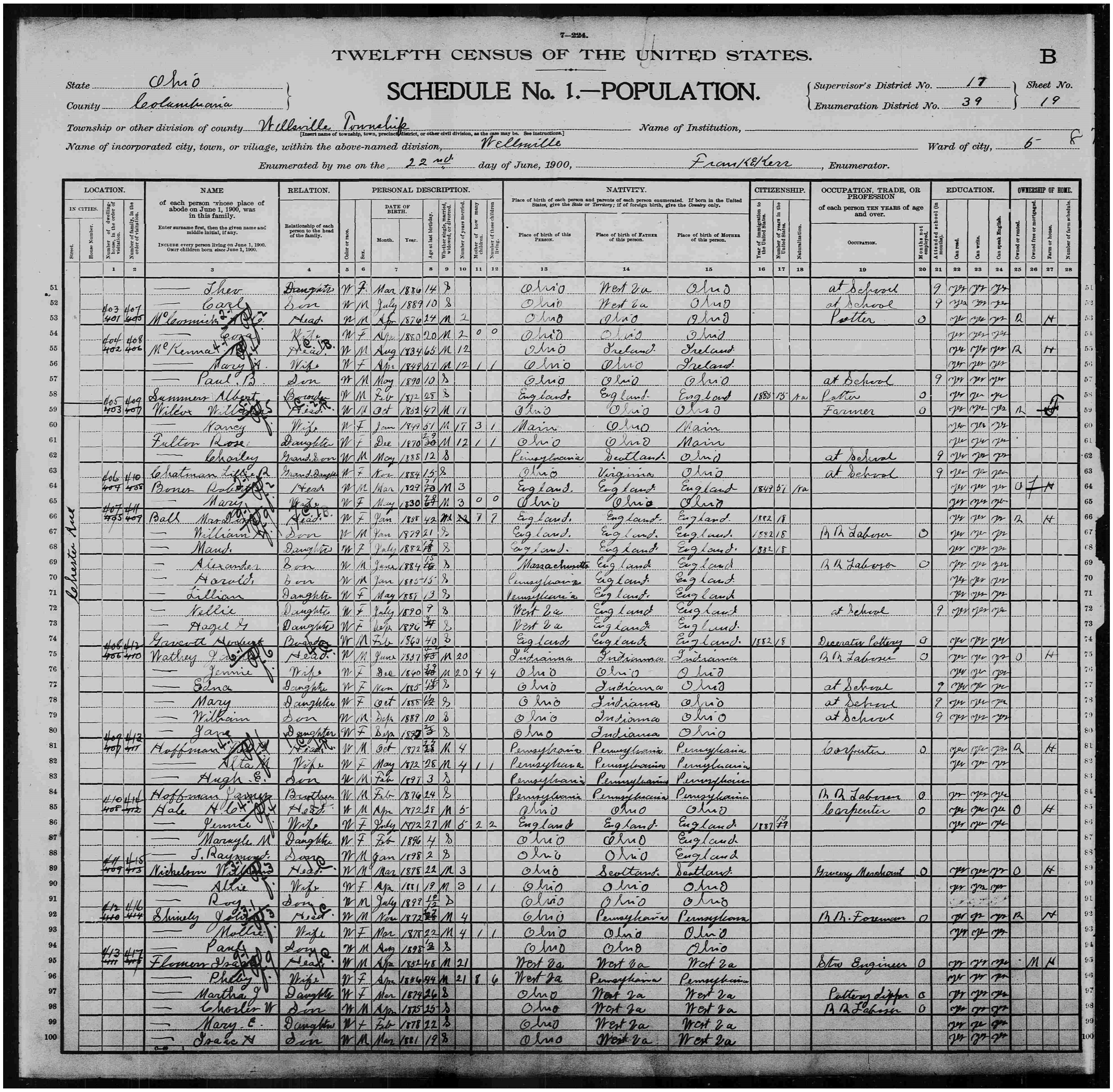






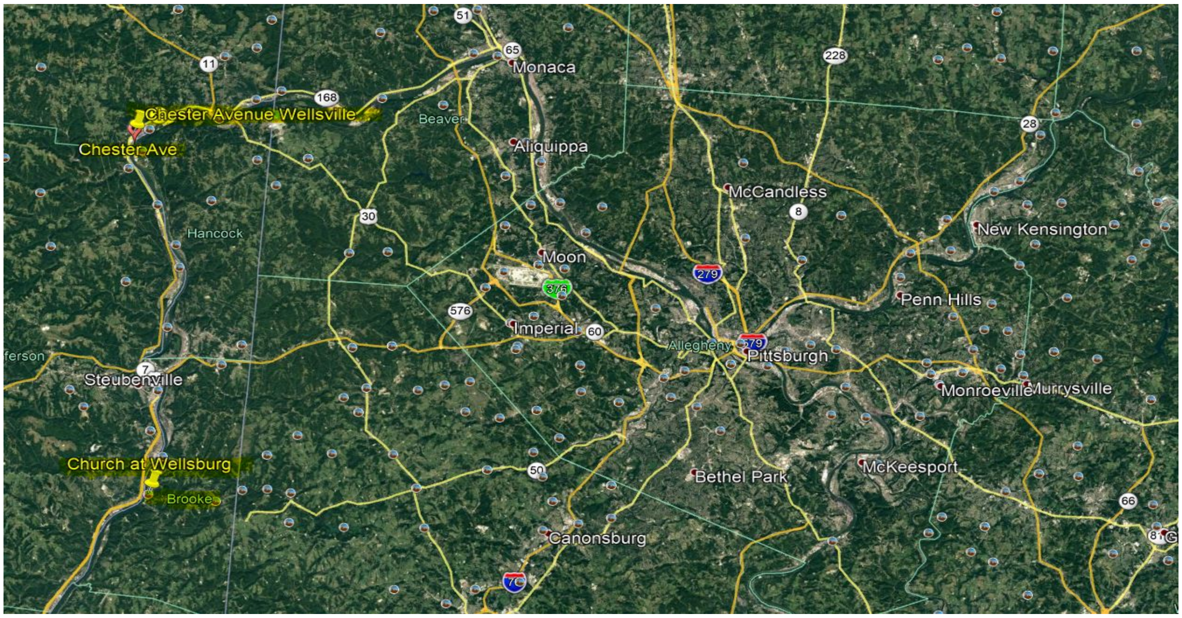
C. W. Gorham

From the 1900 United States Census.
Matilda and her family were living in Chester Avenue, Wellsville, Ohio.



The below is a transcript taken from the sheet above starting at line number 66.

Name	Age	Birth Date	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthpla.	Relationship to H...
Mrs. Dora Ball	42	Jan 1858	England	England	England	Head
William H Ball	21	Jan 1879	England	England	England	Son
Maud Ball	18	Jul 1882	England	England	England	Daughter
Alexander Ball	16	Jun 1884	Massachusetts	England	England	Son
Harold Ball	15	Jan 1885	Pennsylvania	England	England	Son
Lillian Ball	13	May 1887	Pennsylvania	England	England	Daughter
Nellie Ball	10	Jul 1890	West Virginia	England	England	Daughter
Hazel G Ball	4	Sep 1896	West Virginia	England	England	Daughter
Herbert Grocott	40	Feb 1860	England	England	England	Boarder



Wellsville is marked with a yellow pin top left.
Even though the opening line says Mrs Dora BALL – I am fairly confident it should read Matilda Madora BALL.

On 15th October 1900 Maude Ball of Wellsville, born in Birmingham, England,
Married William Earl FRANK a glass worker of Wellsburg West Virginia.

In the matter of
William Earl Frank
AND
Maude Ball

PROBATE COURT, COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO.

No. MARRIAGE LICENSE. APPLICATION.

To the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court of said County:

The undersigned respectfully makes application for a Marriage License for said parties, and upon oath states; that said William Earl Frank *is* 21 *years of age, on the* 30 *day of* June 1900, *his residence is* Wellsburg, W. Va, *his place of birth is* Wellsburg W. Va, *his occupation is* a Glass worker, *his father's name is* William Frank, *his mother's maiden name was* Eliza Hall; *that he was* not *previously married* ———, *and that he has no wife living.*

That said Maude Ball *is* 19 *years of age on the* 18th *day of* July 1900, *her residence is* Wellsville *Columbiana County, Ohio, her place of birth is* Birmingham Eng. *her occupation is* resides at home *her father's name is,* William James Ball, *her mother's maiden name was* Matilda Lavis Pratt *that she was* not *previously married* ———, *and is* not *a widow or divorced woman, her married name being* ———; *that she has no husband living. Said parties are not nearer of kin than second cousins, and there is no legal impediment to their marriage.*

It is expected that H. P. McCarron J.P. *is to solemnize the marriage of said parties.*

William Earl Frank

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence,
this 15 *day of* October 1900.
Elijah W. Hall
Notary Public.

PROBATE JUDGE.
By DEPUTY CLERK.

ENTRY. *Probate Court, Columbiana County, Ohio,* Oct 15th 1900
Marriage License was this day granted to William Earl Frank *and* Maude Ball
J. C. Boone *Probate Judge.*

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE. *No.* 1034 **The State of Ohio, Columbiana County, ss.**

I do hereby certify, That on the 15 *day of* October *A. D.* 1900, *I solemnized the Marriage of Mr.* William Frank Earl *with Miss* Maud Ball
H. P. McCarron J.P.
Liv. Twp. Col. Co. O.

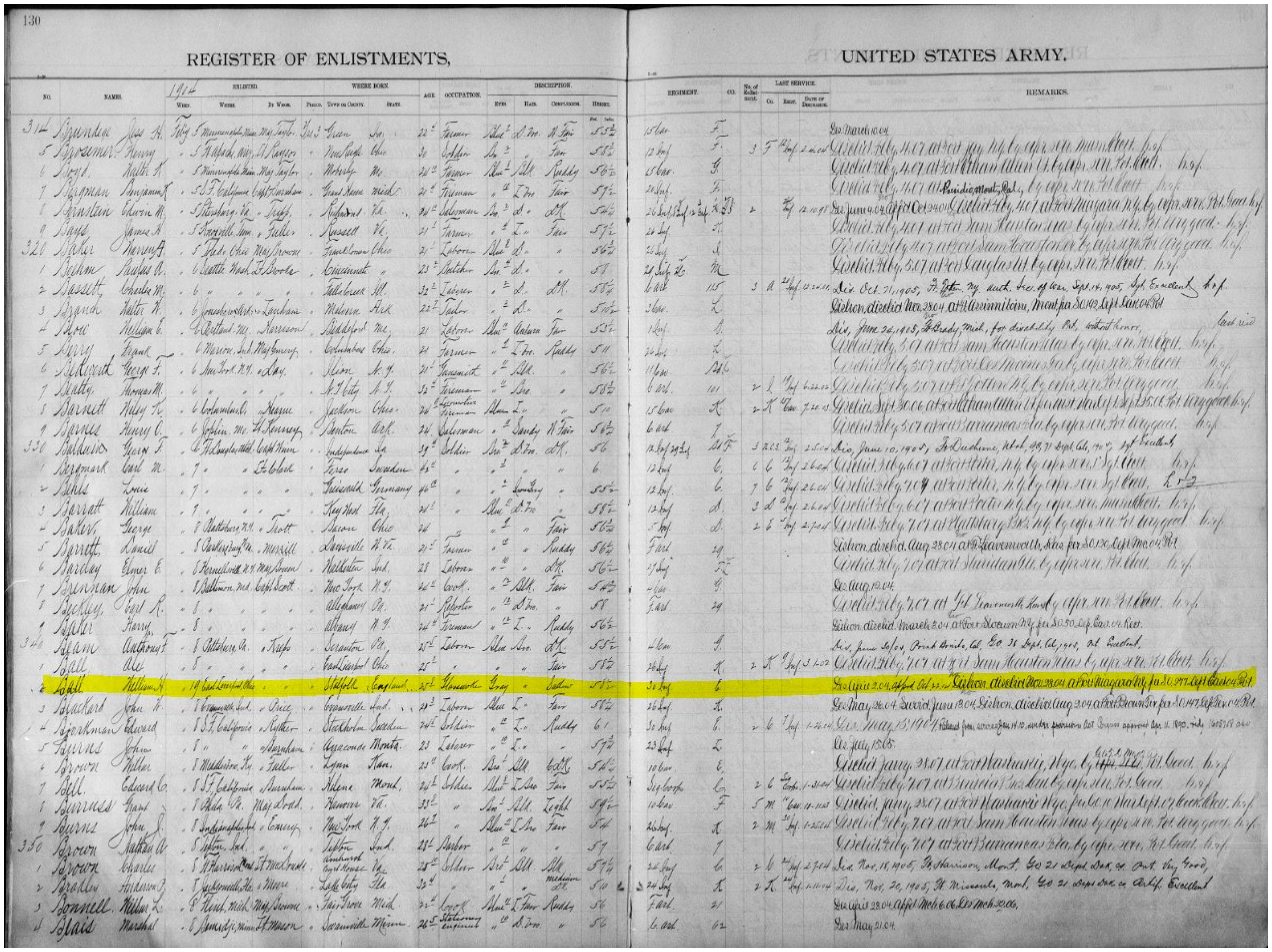
Filed and Recorded, October 19 1900
J. C. Boone
Probate Judge.

Between 1902 and 1904 William H BALL from East Liverpool, Ohio, A glass worker born in England had enlisted into the US Army.

William H Ball

United States Registers of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914

Name:	William H Ball •
Event Type:	Military Service
Event Date:	19 Feb 1904 •
Event Place:	East Liverpool, , Ohio, United States •
Age:	25
Military Service Branch:	Army
Birth Year (Estimated):	1879
Volume Date Range:	1902 Jun-1904 Jun
Volume Number:	110



On 11th November 1908 Lillian BALL married
James Thomas SCHRUM in Beaver Pennsylvania

10723

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE.

No. 10723

1. Full name of man, James Thomas Schrum	13. Date of death of man's former wife, —
2. Full name of woman, Lillian Ball	14. Date of woman's former marriage, —
3. Relation of the parties, either by blood or marriage,	15. Date of death of woman's former husband, —
4. Age of the man, 22	16. Date of divorce of man, —
5. Age of the woman, 21	17. Cause of divorce, if any, —
6. Residence of the man, E. Liverpool - O.	18. Date of divorce of woman, —
7. Residence of the woman, " "	19. Cause of divorce, if any, —
8. Parents' name—man, William & Mary	20. Color of parties, white
9. Parents' name—woman, William & Dorothy	21. Occupation of man, Potter
10. Guardian's name—man, —	22. Occupation of woman, "
11. Guardian's name—woman, —	23. Consent of parents or guardian of man, —
12. Date of man's former marriage, —	24. Consent of parents or guardian of woman, —

BEAVER COUNTY, ss:

Personally appeared before me, Deputy Clerk O. C. of said County of Beaver, James Thomas Schrum and Lillian Ball who, being duly qualified according to law, did depose and say, that the statements above set forth are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 11 day of Nov. A. D. 1908
Edith J. Peirce
Deputy Clerk O. C.

James Thomas Schrum.
Lillian Ball

No. 10723

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, } SS:
COUNTY OF BEAVER,

To any Minister of the Gospel, Justice of the Peace, or other officers or persons authorized by law to solemnize marriage:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the holy state of matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your church, society or religious denomination and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

James Thomas Schrum - 22 yrs. age and never heretofore married

and Lillian Ball - 21 yrs. age and never heretofore married

SEAL

Given under my hand and the seal of the Orphans' Court of said County of Beaver, at Beaver, this 11 *day of* Nov. *A. D. 190*8.

George M. Peirce Clerk O. C.

No. 10723

DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE.

I, W. C. Weaver hereby certify, that on the 11 day of November one thousand nine hundred and eight at Beaver Falls

James T. Schrum and Lillian Ball were by me united in marriage, in accordance with license issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, numbered

W. C. Weaver,
Minister.

When returned

State of Pennsylvania marriage license No 10723

On 9th March 1910 Alex BALL Married Helen SMITH

BUXTON & SKINNER PRINTERS, ST. LOUIS

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

West Virginia, County of Hancock, to-wit:

TO ANY PERSON LICENSED TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGES:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church or Religious Denomination and the laws of the State of West Virginia, Mr Alex Ball *and* Miss Helen Smith

GIVEN under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of the County of Hancock, this 9 *day of* March *19*10

Armour S. Cooper
Clerk County Court of Hancock County.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE.

Preliminary inquiries and answers thereto, made and ascertained by ARMOR S. COOPER, Clerk of the County Court of HANCOCK COUNTY, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, *relative to Mr* Alex Ball *of* Columbiana *County and State of* Ohio *and Miss* Helen Smith *of* Columbiana *County and State of* Ohio. *to whom the accompanying Marriage License is issued.*

The full names of the parties are as follows:

His full name is Mr Alex Ball

Her full name is Miss Helen Smith.

His age is Twenty four years. *Her age is* Eighteen years.

He was born in ______ *County and State of* Mass.

She was born in Hancock *County and State of* Ohio

His place of residence is East Liverpool Ohio.

Her place of residence is " " "

The names of the parties giving the foregoing information is Alex Ball and Harriet Smith Mother of Helen Smith *of* Col *County and State of* Ohio.

GIVEN under my hand, this 9 *day of* March *19*10

Armour S. Cooper
Clerk County Court.

MINISTER'S RETURN OR ENDORSEMENT.

I, D. P. White, *a* Methodist Protestant *do certify that on the* 9" *day of* March *19*10, *at* M. P. Parsonage, New C

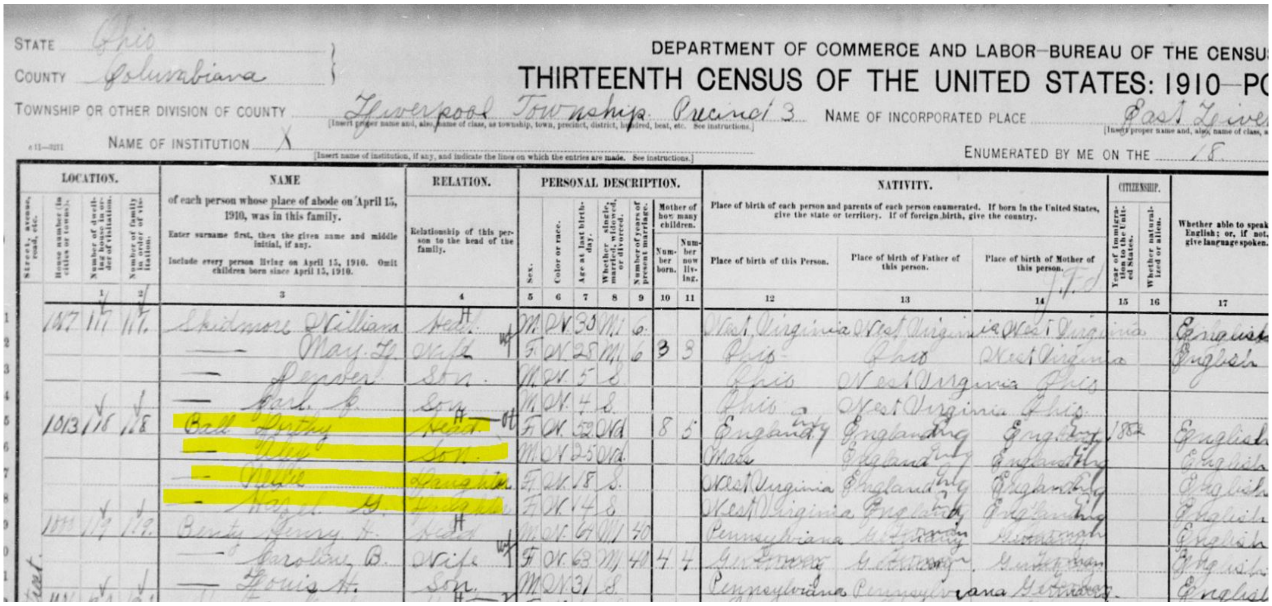
I united in marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the foregoing License.

D. P. White.

The 1910 Census.   Ohio, East Liverpool Township.

Name	Sex	Age	Marital Sta	Birth	Birthplace	Immig	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Relationship to He...
Dorthy Ball	Female	52	Widowed	1858	England	1882	England	England	Head
Alee Ball	Male	25	Widowed	1885	Massachusetts		England	England	Son
Nellie Ball	Female	18	Single	1892	West Virginia		England	England	Daughter
Hazel G Ball	Female	14	Single	1896	West Virginia		England	England	Daughter

As shown from line 5 below.



On the 8th March 1918 Tony CECCHINI (26) of Italy but now resident in Pittsburgh married Nellie BALL (21) also resident in Pittsburgh.

Arden B MILLER certified that he united Tony and Nellie in marriage in Wellsburg, West Virginia that day.

Facts Ascertained from Persons Obtaining License

Name of Husband Tony Cecchini
Age of Husband 26 years
Place of Husband's Birth Italy
Place of Husband's Residence Pittsburgh, Pa.

Name of Wife Nellie Ball
Age of Wife 21 years
Place of Wife's Birth Pittsburgh, Pa.
Place of Wife's Residence Pittsburgh, Pa.

Marriage License

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF BROOKE, To-wit:

To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages in said State:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of your Church or Religious Denomination and the laws of the STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA Tony Cecchini and Nellie Ball.

Given under my hand as Clerk of the County Court of the County of Brooke, this 8th day of March 1918

[signature]
CLERK COUNTY COURT OF BROOKE COUNTY

By .... Deputy

MINISTER'S RETURN

I, ARDEN B. MILLER, a Minister, do certify that on the 8th day of March 1918 at Wellsburg, W. Va. I united in Marriage the above named parties, under authority of the foregoing License.

ARDEN B MILLER
Minister of the Gospel

A Copy-Teste:

.... Clerk

Sadly Matilda BALL, the main subject of this dossier, died in December of that year.

Event Type:	Burial
Event Place:	Wellsburg, Brooke, West Virginia, United States of America
Event Place (Original):	Wellsburg, Brooke, West Virginia, United States of America
Cemetery:	Brooke Cemetery
Name:	Matilda Ball
Photograph Included:	N

Matilda Ball

BIRTH	unknown
DEATH	Dec 1918
BURIAL	Brooke Cemetery Wellsburg, Brooke County, West Virginia, USA
MEMORIAL ID	162863547 · View Source

For the 1920 Census Tony and Nellie CECCHINI were residents of Bentleyville, Washington, Pennsylvania.
They had a daughter too.

Tony and his family later moved on to New York where their family continued to grow.

Dorothy M Cecchini
in the 1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	Dorothy M Cecchini
Age:	0 [10/12]
Birth Year:	abt 1920 [abt 1919]
Birthplace:	Pennsylvania
Home in 1920:	Bentleyville, Washington, Pennsylvania
Street:	Beallsville Road
Residence Date:	1920
Race:	White
Gender:	Female
Relation to Head of House:	Daughter
Marital Status:	Single
Father's Name:	Tony Cecchini
Father's Birthplace:	Italy
Mother's Name:	Nellie Cecchini
Mother's Birthplace:	Pennsylvania
Neighbors:	View others on page

Household Members	Age	Relationship
Tony Cecchini	29	Head
Nellie Cecchini	19	Wife
Dorothy M Cecchini	**0**	**Daughter**

1930 Census return for Alex BALL and his growing family.

Alex Ball

United States Census, 1930

Name:	Alex Ball
Event Type:	Census
Event Date:	1930 • Edit
Event Place:	Liverpool, Columbiana, Ohio, United States • Edit
Sex:	Male
Age:	42
Marital Status:	Married
Race:	White
Race (Original):	White
Birth Year (Estimated):	1888
Birthplace:	Massachusetts • Edit
Father's Birthplace:	England
Mother's Birthplace:	England
Relationship to Head of Household:	Head
Relationship to Head of Household (Original):	Head
Sheet Letter:	B
Sheet Number:	11

Household	Role	Sex	Age	Birthplace
Alex Ball	Head	Male	42	Massachusetts
Helen Ball	Wife	Female	36	Ohio
Harold Ball	Son	Male	18	Ohio
William Ball	Son	Male	15	Ohio
Harriet Ball	Daughter	Female	10	Ohio
Dorothy Ball	Daughter	Female	8	Ohio

Name	Sex	Age	Birth Y	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthpla...	Relationship to H...
Alex Ball	Male	42	1888	Massachusetts	England	England	Head
Helen Ball	Female	36	1894	Ohio	England	England	Wife
Harold Ball	Male	18	1912	Ohio	Massachusetts	Ohio	Son
William Ball	Male	15	1915	Ohio	Massachusetts	Ohio	Son
Harriet Ball	Female	10	1920	Ohio	Massachusetts	Ohio	Daughter
Dorothy Ball	Female	8	1922	Ohio	Massachusetts	Ohio	Daughter

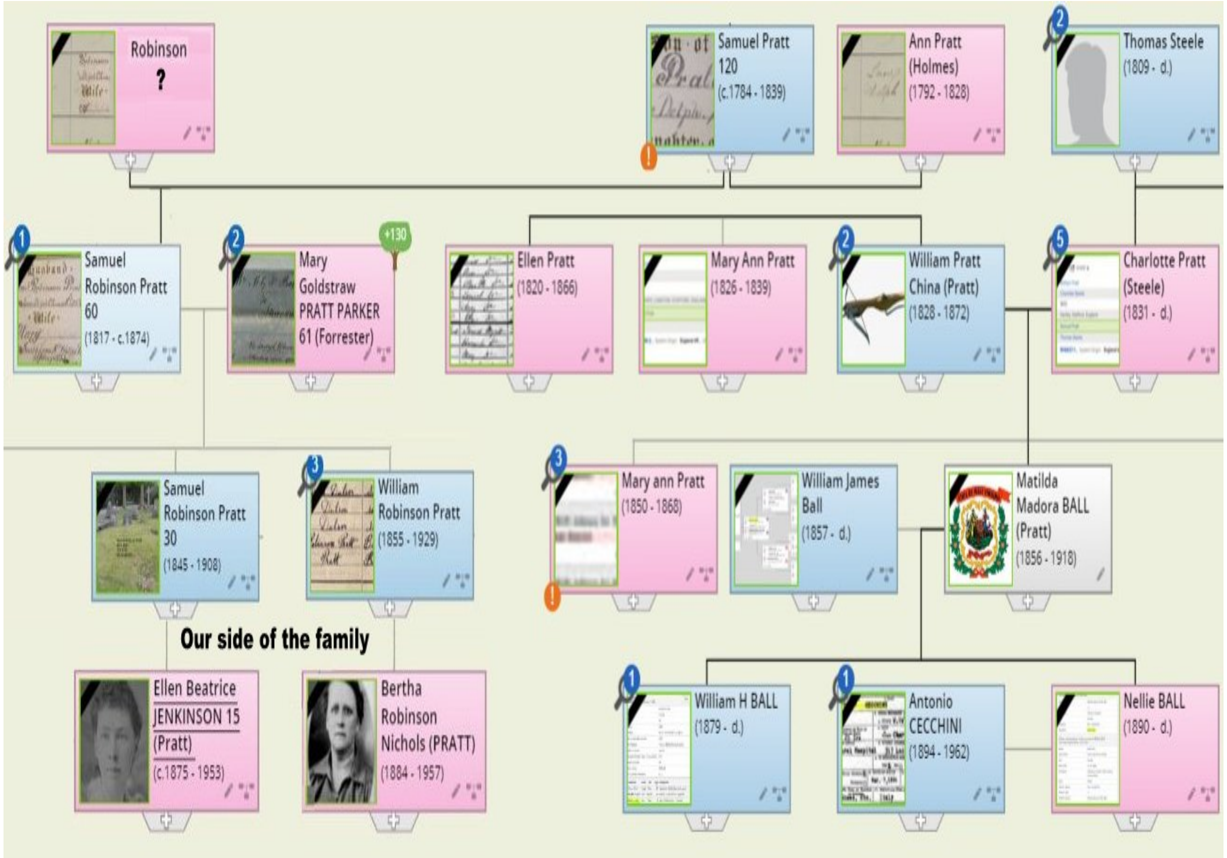
As can be seen previous research for Alex and Helen BALL is present with Family search.org.

Conclusion

In 1882 William BALL and Matilda PRATT took their family across the Atlantic Ocean to find a new life. They certainly put down roots and as can bee seen from the previous pages their many children created large families of their own.

I know there are many other avenues to follow BUT my intention was just to have a quick look and make a few notes.

Now we know that there are many descendants of the original Samuel PRATT (1784-1839) in many of the states of America.

I have added this "very skinny" family graphic just to provide a glimpse of how we relate to Matilda Madora PRATT.

Our side of the tree is to the bottom left.